

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-17 stand rejected in as being obvious in view of Kohda.

Each of the present independent claims 1, 5, 8 and 9 includes a limitation not disclosed by, nor made obvious in view of Kohda or other prior art. Claims 1, 5 and 8 variously include a limitation of "disconnected display screens." Note that all display screens in Kohda are sensed by mechanical means by "combining the adjacent display screens using a joint provided with a sensor." Kohda only discloses measurement of relative positions of display screens. See, e.g., Kohda at col. 5, lines 31-42. Thus, Kohda teaches away from sensing of "disconnected" or non-mechanically linked displays.

New claims 21-28 add additional limitations such as sensing screen dimensions (claim 21), using three points on a sensor or emitter (claims 22 – 27) and allowing a user to input screen characteristics by using a "presentation program" (claim 28). Although Kohda mentions that the "shape of the display screen unit 6 is not limited to a rectangle, but can be of any shape" (Kohda at col. 6, lines 40-41) Kohda is silent about sensing a screen's dimension.

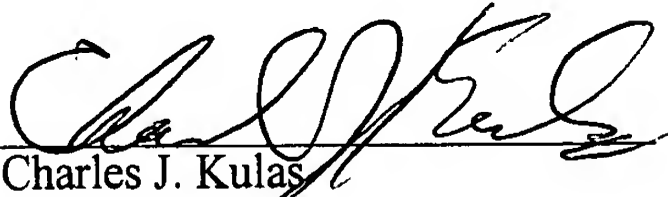
Independent claim 9 recites a "bracket for detachably coupling two or more display screens". The bracket is equipped with "slots" for "slidably receiving" first and second display screens. Kohda's "joints" 7L and 7R in Figs. 3A and 3B do not show or imply any detachable coupling much less any of the specific features recited in claims 9 – 20 and 28. For example, no "slot for slidably receiving" (claim 9) a display screen is shown. A "U-shaped" (claim 19) slot is not disclosed nor made obvious. A slot including an "angle indicator" (claim 20) is nowhere to be found in Kohda's text or Figures.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-279-5098.

Respectfully submitted,

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